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LETTER DATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement dated 7 September 1995 on the events of 6 September 1995 related to the Embassy of Pakistan at Kabul.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement on the events of 6 September 1995 related to the Embassy of Pakistan at Kabul

The tragic incident in the Embassy of Pakistan at Kabul is not an exceptional occurrence with no precedent in the world. It cannot be dissociated from recent happenings. In this case, the role played by promoter elements beyond the borders in the developments at Herat city, which created an angry and furious attitude, had an unintentional impact. It created a state of passionate emotion and impatience among our countrymen.

The groups that were marching towards the Embassy of Pakistan at Kabul had only one intention: to express their indignation against direct foreign intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

However, a gunshot from inside the Embassy of Pakistan, causing the death of a young student of the Naderiya High School, generated serious tension. The security forces, in spite of loosing five of their personnel, were not able to repulse the attacks of thousands of demonstrators. Two security belts stationed around the Embassy by the security forces were broken. Waves of demonstrators entered the Embassy and the security forces lost control of events.

Some of the Embassy personnel, including Ambassador Qazi Homayun, were injured and a local secretary of the Embassy died.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan expressed its deep regret at the death of the local secretary, the injury of personnel of the Embassy and the burning of the Embassy.

A high-level joint committee was promptly constituted to take care of the events. The injured personnel of the Embassy were immediately taken to the hospital and all available life-saving means were used for their medical treatment.

Fortunately, two successive surgical operations on the Ambassador and one surgical operation on the military attaché were successfully performed. Others began to recover from their shocks and injuries.

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, after visiting those injured in the hospital, immediately telephoned Mr. Najmuddin Sheikh, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, and expressed his sympathy for the death of Mr. Massihy and informed him about the health and the medical treatment of the others.

Last night, as a result of the continuous cooperation between the Ministry and the Pakistani side, and through special endeavours by the military hospital, the personnel of the Kabul airport and the staff of the International Red Cross, the transfer of the injured personnel of the Pakistani Embassy was arranged. The injured persons were transferred today at 6.10 a.m. in a Pakistani C 130 military aircraft to Islamabad.

The Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Islamic State of Afghanistan at Islamabad has been instructed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan to deliver official notes to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning this matter.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan sincerely wishes that this incident will have no negative impact on the mutually fraternal and friendly relations between the two neighbouring countries and expects the Pakistani side to make an accurate analysis of the problems of this country.